

CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

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ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION:

PRIOR APPLICATION: 09/338,222

CLASS: SUBCLASS:

EXAMINER: Rajguru, U.

ART UNIT: 1711

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/338,222 filed on June 22, 1999, of Robert Boyd Barbee, James Christopher Matayabas, Jr., Jack Wesley Trexler, Jr., Rodney Layne Piner, John Walker Gilmer, Gary Wayne Connell, Jeffrey Todd Owens, and Sam Richard Turner for "NANOCOMPOSITES FOR HIGH BARRIER APPLICATIONS."

If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension of time necessary in the prior application for maintaining copendency between the prior application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, Applicant hereby petitions for such an extension in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. § 112 containing a description pursuant to § 1.71 and at least one claim pursuant to § 1.75, and any drawing required by § 1.81(a).

2. The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is(are): Robert Boyd Barbee, James Christopher Matayabas, Jr., Jack Wesley Trexler, Rodney Layne Piner, John Walker Gilmer, Gary Wayne Connell, Jeffrey Todd Owens, and Sam Richard Turner

3A. ☒ This application is a continuation or divisional application (not a continuation-in-part) that:

- (i) names as inventors the same or fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application; and
- (ii) contains no matter that would have been new matter in the prior application; and
- (iii) a copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in the prior application, showing the signature or an indication thereon that it was signed:

☒ is enclosed.

☐ will follow.

☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

--OR--

3B. ☐ This application is a continuation-in-part application, or a continuation or divisional application naming an inventor not named in the prior application. A newly executed oath or declaration:

☐ is enclosed.

☐ will follow.

4. ☒ Amend the Title of the Invention as follows: PROCESS FOR PREPARING HIGH BARRIER NANOCOMPOSITES

5. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a of, and claims the benefit of, application Serial No. , filed which status is , which application is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

6. ☐ Priority of foreign application number , filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed on .

7. ☒ Claims 1-25 of the parent application have already been cancelled before calculating the filing fee. Claims 26-45 are now pending in this case for examination. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

8. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

9. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.

10. ☒ Also enclosed is/are: 1) Authorization to Treat Reply Requiring Extension of Time as Incorporating Petition for Extension of Time and Payment of Extension of Time Fee

11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Eastman Chemical Company

12. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

13. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

TOTAL CLAIMS	20 - 20 = 0	0	x \$18.00	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 = 0	0	x \$84.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (IF APPLICABLE) = 0			+ \$280.00	\$0
BASIC FEE =				\$740.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$740.00
REDUCTION BY ½ FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (NOTE 37 C.F.R. § 1.9, § 1.27, § 1.28)				\$0
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$740.00

14. ☒ Payment in the amount of \$740.00 is to be charged to a credit card and such payment is authorized by the signed, enclosed document entitled: Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038.

15. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

16. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

- a. [X] The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. [] Since the Power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. [X] Address all future correspondence to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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17. I hereby verify that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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SIGNATURE

March 06, 2002  
DATE

- [] Inventor(s)
- [] Assignee of complete interest
- [X] Attorney or agent of record
- [] Filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)  
(Registration No. is acting under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a):

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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<b>BARBEE et al.</b>	)	
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Serial No. Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed: Concurrently	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: "PROCESS FOR PREPARING HIGH	)	
BARRIER NANOCOMPOSITES"	)	

**AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT REPLY REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**AS INCORPORATING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**AND PAYMENT OF EXTENSION OF TIME FEE**

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March 6, 2002

Sir:


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

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The Commissioner is also authorized to charge all required extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

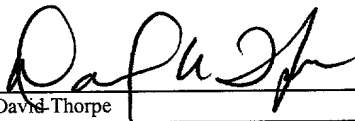
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